

**TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

November 8, 2024

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor of Florida  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Attention: Meredith Pardo, Assistant General Counsel

Via e-mail transmission

**IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES TO FILL JUDICIAL VACANCY ON THE  
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Dear Governor DeSantis:

On September 25, 2024, you requested that I convene the Twentieth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for the purpose of selecting and submitting to you the names of highly qualified lawyers for appointment to the Circuit Court vacancies created by the retirement of Judge Schreiber and Judge Steinbeck.

The Commission considered twenty-six applicants. On behalf of my fellow Commissioners, I am pleased to forward the following names for your consideration and appointment to the bench (in alphabetical order):

*Hon. Kimberly Bocelli*  
*Hon. Michael Brown*  
*Hon. Deborah Cunningham*  
*Michael Hopkins*  
*Ryan Kuhl*  
*Rachael Loukonen*  
*Trent Reichling*  
*James Stewart*

Original, unredacted copies of the applications submitted by the certified nominees, as well as all investigative material will be sent via separate email. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Steven E. Martin

Steven E. Martin  
Chair  
Twentieth Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission

cc: Honorable J. Frank Porter, Chief Judge  
Commissioners